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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, beginning on line 5 as follows:

-- This application is a U.S. national phase application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371, from PCT application number PCT/EP2004/014219, filed December 14, 2004, which claims ~~priority to U.S.S.N. 10/734,623, filed December 15, 2003. PCT/EP2004/014219 also claims~~ the benefit of priority to: U.S.S.N. 60/530,623, filed December 19, 2003; U.S.S.N. 60/544,967 filed February 13, 2004; U.S.S.N. 60/568,006 filed May 4, 2004; U.S.S.N. 60/591,775 filed July 27, 2004; U.S.S.N. 60/592,208 filed July 29, 2004; and U.S.S.N. 60/612,823 filed September 24, 2004. These applications are herein incorporated by reference. --